



Kansas Mentors Connection
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We want to take a quick moment to extend our sincere gratitude to each program's participation in the 2009 Coaches' Challenge. We still have a few months to go but you are a crucial part of the campaign's success!

COACHES' CHALLENGE – SCOREBOARD UPDATE

Kansas: 981 mentors, Nebraska: 326 mentors

The numbers are in for the first month of the 2009 Coaches' Challenge and.... Kansas leads the efforts with 981 new mentors recruited from July 28 – August 31. This is a true testament to the great work of our partner programs – thank you for your continued dedication to mentoring and your help making the Coaches' Challenge a success! Keep up the good work and we hope to report good news again next month! Also, if you haven't already done so, please visit the Kansas Mentors' website for all things Coaches' Challenge including downloadable promotional materials, the online scoreboard, and more:

<http://kansasmentors.kansas.gov/Programs/Pages/CoachesChallenge.aspx>

KANSAS' DROPOUT PREVENTION SUMMIT

This October, Drop IN and be part of the solution

Registration is now open for the statewide dropout prevention summit to be held on October 20, 2009 at Wichita State University's Rhatigan Student Center. Mentoring will have a strong presence in these efforts and we encourage all of our partners to become involved. For more information visit: www.kansasdropins.org

STATEWIDE CONVERSTATION ON THE EDUCATION FOR KANSAS KIDS

Airing Statewide on all KS PBS Stations, September 23rd at 7p.m.

Hosted through a partnership between KTWU and the Kansas Learning First Alliance, this statewide conversation will provide an opportunity for all Kansans to share what they believe should be the educational priorities in Kansas so students are graduating prepared for the 21st century. Mentoring programs have a stake in this process, as we all know the powerful impact that mentoring can have on a young person's education. Local "watch and talk" parties will be facilitated throughout the state – we encourage programs to join in with local efforts and provide a local voice to mentoring. For more information: <http://www.klfa.org/>

H1N1 FLU INFORMATION: KANSAS' ONLINE RESOURCE

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has developed a website devoted to the H1N1 flu virus. The website has great information on the symptoms, treatment and prevention of the flu virus, as well as the latest updates on the distribution of H1N1 vaccinations. This website is a great resource for all Kansans, check it out at:

<http://www.kdheks.gov/H1N1/>

UPDATES FROM AROUND THE STATE

-Kansas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recently launched a new website. Check it out at: <http://www.kansascasa.org/>

-Register for the National Training Institute for School-Based Mentoring to be held October 20-22, 2009 in Kansas City, Missouri. <http://www.mentomap.org>

-The Topeka area Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters program was highlighted in the Capitol City's news for its "100 MENTors in 100 Days" campaign. Check out the story here: http://cjournal.com/news/local/2009-09-02/100_big_men_needed

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